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	First Named Inventor	Thomas A. Piazza
	Group Art Unit	2613
	Examiner Name	R. Lee
	Attorney Docket Number	42390P6702

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- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
 - ☐ Previously submitted
 - ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ☐ Other _____
 - ☒ Enclosed
 - ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ☐ Other _____
- Miscellaneous**
 - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
 - ☐ Other _____
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 - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.
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